The Bloomfield Record.

S. M. HULIN, Editor and Proprietor.

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Our Primary Meetings—A Reform Wanted.

The Republican (?) Primary Meeting, which was held in this place last Friday evening, must have convinced every respectable voter who attended that the time has arrived to have a change in the manner of conducting these gatherings. Had no meeting at all been held, it is likely the town would have been better off. It would certainly have escaped the disgrace which the predominant rowdy element imparted. The number of tickets (6 of them) that were put in the field showed that our politicians are by no means unequal to the task of devising "tickets" untrammeled by the primary leading strings. As for the work done, the nomination of candidates was got along with as well as could be expected. A "Straight Ticket" was fixed upon, but to bring it about a somewhat crooked method was resorted to—a method which must have been as perplexing to the counters as it was, under the circumstances, satisfactory or not satisfactory to those concerned on either side. The Democrats had the pleasure of meeting with their opponents uninvited, and participating in the proceedings, so far as holding up their hands without having them counted might be called participation. That the "regular ticket" exactly suited nobody present was evident by what afterward transpired, at the election, when less than a score of the regular ballots, unscratched or un-pasted, were deposited.

That it concerns the voters of both parties to unite for a reform in this primary meeting business is the object of this article. It is a downright farce for all the voters in this place to get together, in this incongruous way. They have a scrimmage on a Friday night, then, between Saturday and Monday, split up into half a dozen factions with only the one rational object, it might seem, of getting things thoroughly mixed up. The result, the citizen of ordinary intelligence, on coming to the polls, is bewildered by an assortment of tickets poked at him from all directions. Nor can the politicians themselves be less completely befogged as to how the election is likely to go, or what the principles at stake really are. We earnestly hope the remedy or solution of this chaotic way of getting ready and going into an election will be sought out and made use of before another voting season again comes round.

Telfordizing Broad Street.

One of the earliest duties of the new Town Committee should be that of doing something in regard to those elevat-sidewalks on Broad street near its junction with Bloomfield avenue.

Three years ago the town authorities began an improvement here by digging down the street, but the spasm was of short duration. Either the $10,000 voted by the tax payers gave out before the "canal" (as it has been facetiously termed in town meeting) was ready for use, or the Committee found that trouble was brewing and suspended operations till a more convenient season. At any rate, the job has hung by the eyelids ever since, to the no small discredit of the town and annoyance of the people.

By referring to the Street Law, it will be found that the digging down aforesaid was entirely irregular. The 3d and 4th Sections of the law permit alterations of grade by Town Committee, in their discretion but they are instructed to advertise the resolution "establishing the same" for ten days in "some newspaper circulating in the township." They are also required when a resolution of the kind is introduced to summon property owners to a meeting, at which they "may present their views with reference to the same." Various other duties are enjoined, none of which were observed in the case named. One of the owners, it is said, now claims quite a bill of damages against the township, having been unable to rent his buildings on account of their inaccessibility from the street. If this is so, the matter should be attended to, and the sooner the better. The Committee should either fill up the canal their predecessors made or go ahead and finish the job in accordance with the law.

The question of Telford on this street has come up, and nearly every owner wants it done,—is ready to incur the assessment therefor. But they will not sign a petition, because by doing so they relinquish their right to damage (which they have unquestionably sustained) from the change of grade. The people want this Broad street pavement project to go on. It can't stir a peg until the difficulty referred to is adjusted.

Messrs. A. T. Morris and J. Banks Reford were duly nominated for the Town Committee at our recent election, but both gentlemen felt called upon to decline the votes of their fellow-townsmen, which accounts for the small number received by each, and should not, therefore, be attributed to unpopularity.

Bloomfield Town Election.

The ticket nominated at the mixed primary meeting of Friday night was on Saturday revised by the Democrats, who could hardly be expected to be satisfied with the "counting out" of C. T. Unangst as town-Committeeman. A "Citizen's Ticket" was made, the essential feature of which was the name of the gentleman spoken of instead of J. G. Keyler, nominated regularly from the Centre district. It also had W. B. Corby's name in place of J. Banks Reford's and Wm. A. Freeman's in place of A. T. Morris's, both of the substituted gentlemen having declined to be candidates.

Early Monday morning an "Independent Ticket" appeared at the polls, with the name of Thomas E. Hayes in place of Dr. J. A. Davis, for Town Committee. Benj. Baldwin was also on as an independent candidate for Constable. This ticket soon became very popular except with the Democrats, who of course voted the "Citizen's." Other tickets, making the aggregate number six different kinds, together with further embellishments and improvements in the shape of sticking plasters were freely used.

There was but little excitement and not a great deal of interest manifested in the election, as shown by the small vote cast—545 against 683 last year. The two independent candidates for constable, B. F. Baldwin and R. D. Brower, worked like beavers all day, and both deserved success, which, however, both did not achieve. The counting of ballots began early in the evening, but was a very tedious process, nearly every vote having from one to half a dozen substituting "patches" pasted over the original names. It required 8 hours' work to arrive at the result, which was as follows:

Judge of Election,	No. Votes.
JOHN HALL	540
Assessor,	
JOSEPH K. OAKES	540
Collector,	
A. C. MARR	535
Township Clerk,	
JOHN F. FOLSOM	536
Chosen Freeholders,	
WM. CADMUS	449
T. W. LANGSTROTH	511
Surveyors of Highways,	
N. H. DODD	534
R. N. DODD	533
Commissioners of Appeal,	
J. G. KEYLER	531
R. N. DODD	532
HORACE DODD	517
Overseer of the Poor	
J. M. WALKER	385
WM. R. HALL	158
Town Committee,	
ALFRED COCKEFAIR	457
WM. K WILLIAMSON	474
JOHN G. KEYLER	428
JOHN SHERMAN	524
W. B. CORBY	336
C. T. UNANGST	313
Dr. J. A. DAVIS	269
T. E. HAYES	260
AUG. T. MORRIS	243
W. A. FREEMAN	207
JOHN SIMONSON	88
Justice of the Peace,	
CHAS. M. DAVIS	536
Constables,	
THEO. D. BROWN	301
IRA CAMPBELL	502
F. D. W. DARLING	519
BENJ. F. BALDWIN	284
MOSES DAVIS	270
R. D. BROWER	152

Appropriations:	
Repair of Roads	$2,000
Support of Poor	3,000
Contingencies	2,500
Cross Walks	100
Public Grounds	100

The seven Town Committeemen having the highest number of votes are elected, also the four leading constables. The election of Benj. F. Baldwin as Constable is regarded as the victory of the election. He received no nomination, and although his opponent was on four tickets, he beat "Moses" in a fair fight at the polls.

The Concert.

The Vocal Society's Concert was given in the new hall on Wednesday evening. The entertainment called out an audience of about 450, embracing the best people of the village and some from surrounding towns. The chorus singing by the Society was highly creditable to an association so lately organized, and was well applauded. The programme was varied by some good quartette singing and by the solos rendered by the Misses Lasar. The singing by Miss Clementine Lasar was received with decided appreciation on the part of the Society, and by the most cordial signals of approbation by the audience. All in all, the evening was an enjoyable one, except that the stage and lower parts of the hall were chilly. Those ladies who came with shawls found them a desirable article to have.

The Moody and Sankey Meetings.

The spirit of accomodation shown by the Managers of the N. & B. R. R. in complying with the wishes of our citizens for a special train in the evening that would favor an attendance on the Revival Meetings of Messrs. Moody & Sankey at the Hippodrome in New York deserves a recognition.

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The number availing themselves of this opportunity to attend the services of these men, so wonderfully successful in doing good, shows how great an accommodation this special train is. Unless otherwise announced, after this week, the train will be run on Friday evenings, that evening seeming on careful inquiry to be the most desirable one for this purpose. It will leave New York at 10.30.

The 6 o'clock train from Bloomfield will enable one to reach the Hippodrome in time for the evening service by taking the Christopher st. Ferry and the Blue Cars to 4th Avenue.

Quarterly Entertainment of the Young Men's Union of the M. E. Church occurs this (Friday) evening.

LOCAL ITEMS.

St. Patrick's Day.

The Presbytery of Newark will hold its next stated meeting in Montclair, April 5th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Wilmington Colored Jubilee Singers are to give one of their Sacred Concerts in Library Hall next Wednesday night. For particulars see adv't.

Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., meets on Tuesday evening next at 7:30. Work: M. M. Degree. A full attendance of the brethren is desired.

Joseph A Davis, Jr., James M. Walker, Henry Speer, and Walter S. Freeman are the Bloomfield jurors drawn for the April term of Court.

On Friday evening, March 25th, a "Pound Sociable" will be held at the M. E. Parsonage. A pleasant time is anticipated, a cordial invitation is extended to all.

The "Bloomfield Surprise" will occupy the largest of the new stores now being erected next door to the Gas office at the Center. The stores are to be ready for occupation on April 1st.

W. K. Williamson, Esq., Attorney at Law, has removed to No. 764 Broad street, Newark. His office for the accommodation of the Bloomfield public is with Justice Coe, on Glenwood avenue.

Jacob Spear, E. F. Dorrance and Theodore H. Ward are among the later signers to the Glenwood avenue Telford pavement petition. There is room for a few more names on the petition.

The name of Mr. John Sherman was, unknown to him, placed upon one of the irregular tickets at our election, as a candidate for Freeholder, making him appear in a false light as opposing William Cadmus's reelection, which he had no intention of doing.

We have received through the post-office the manuscript of a sketch entitled "The Child Wanderer," which we are unable at present to make use of in these columns. The author, (anonymous) can have it by application, or by sending an address by which it may be returned.

Mr. J. Banks Reford has made arrangements to be relieved of his duties as County Clerk for the next two months, which period, with Mrs. Reford, he expects to devote in a health-trip to the South. Mr. G. T. Moore will have charge of the Clerk's Office during Mr. Reford's absence, with power of attorney.

The Bloomfield Sunday School Teachers' Association announce that they have secured the services of Rev. Henry Fish, D. D., of Newark, who will be present with us on Wednesday evening, March 22, and deliver his lecture on Palestine. This lecture is the result of six month's personal observation, is highly entertaining and instructive, and should be heard by every friend of Sabbath Schools in the town.

Lecture at Doddtown.

Rev. J. L. Danner of East Orange lectured on "Popular Amusements" at the Bethel Church, Doddtown, on the 13th inst. to a large and highly interested audience. He thinks there is no harm in a social game of cards, in itself considered, and that billiards is by no means an immoral game, but is very emphatic in his denunciation against the public places which the young men are compelled to enter in order to play.

He also holds that dancing, if not carried to excess, and done at seasonable times, is a healthful enjoyment; but for a young man or woman to go to their dressing room at nine or ten o'clock in the night and array themselves in gorgeous costume for the ball, and dance until the small hours of the morning, is not only a sin but a bodily injury.

Mr. Danner also dwelt some time on the theater. He considers the American theater of to-day one of the most vile and degrading institutions of our country; because, he said, as soon as a theater is opened, the whole neighborhood surrounding is filled with bar-rooms and gambling holes, making it thereby a great nest of iniquity. And in conclusion he said: If a friend asks you to indulge in any amusement that your conscience tells you it is *wrong*, abstain from it and dare to do right, dare to be true to yourself, and your God.

Miss Snow of East Orange furnished the instrumental music, in a manner which shows her to be a musician of taste and superior execution. The vocal music was rendered by Miss Anthony of Bloomfield, to her great credit. Her voice is of unusual sweetness, and peculiarly so in the lower tones. Her selections were: "The Bridge," "You and I," "Pleasant Dreams," and "One morning, oh, so early."

On April 3d, Mr. Geo. A. Ford of New York will lecture on "Syria," and as Mr. Ford is a native of Syria, we may expect a grand historical treat.

List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at the Post Office in BLOOMFIELD, Essex County, New Jersey ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1876.

Blood, Orson	Lynch, John
Burling, Ann	Maine, I. P.
Corby, Henry	Porter, James
Coulter, Winnie	Pierson, Mrs. Aaron
Cassidy, John	Potter, Miss Mary
Carr, Mrs. Joseph	Quinby, Aaron
Durning, Mrs. John	Ritscher, Ella
Eagles, Miss Joanna	Stout, Catherine
Griffin, Lizzie	Stuart, Mrs. H. C.
Glennon, Francis	Thoups, George
Hoagland, Mrs. Theodore	Van Ripper, Mrs. Garrie
Krach, August	Wallace, Theron
Loyd, Miss	Whittaker, Mrs. Elizabeth

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "advertised."

H. DODD, P. M.

The Huff Scandal.

MR. EDITOR:

The card published by Messrs. J. W. Potter & Sons in your paper of the 10th inst., and your remarks on it, in justice to myself calls from me a reply. I would therefore state that I made the accusation against Charles Huff, going to Mr. Potter privately, not intending to make it public. The charge made was that of dishonesty, through Huff's failure to deliver to me, at various times, the whole number of bags of feed and oats regularly ordered from his employer's mill.

When I first discovered that he was thus cheating me I could hardly believe my own eyes, having known Mr. Huff a long while, and supposing him to be a good, honest, upright man, much respected by myself and every one that knew him. But after seeing it myself twice I was then pretty sure something was wrong. I determined to have other witnesses to it and watch him farther, in order to be fully satisfied of his guilt before accusing him, as I knew it would be rather a serious matter to accuse a man of his standing of such a thing unless I could fully substantiate it. After seeing it done three times more, making five times in all, not only by counting the bags but by weighing the contents after he had gone (two reliable men as witnesses of it), I informed his employer. We together had a long interview with Mr. Huff privately, at which time I accused him. I also urged him very hard to acknowledge what he had done and how long it had been going on, saying to him him that if he would do so, the public should not know anything about it; but he stubbornly refused to acknowledge anything.

Mr. Potter, strongly inclined to believe him guilty, suspended him from his service. Then of course it became public, and appeared in your paper of the 25th ult., not at my instigation, as you well know. As the matter now stands it places me in a rather awkward position in the eyes of the public, and therefore, in justice to myself and to the honest public, it behooves me to prove my charge in the Courts. I can now not only prove that he has stolen feed and oats from me (which I am sure would convict him) but can prove, by three parties, where he has sold feed and oats for cash, without any bill,—no account of the transactions given in to his employer. Where did he get them? In one of these instances the man has two horses and Huff has kept him supplied for over one year. Another one has dealt with him in this manner for four or five years. All but one of these instances of where he has sold, come to me unsought, and the parties are willing to testify to it, if necessary. I did not intend nor wish to expose Mr. Huff and his doings to the public, but, as I said before, in justice to myself I am compelled to make this statement.

Yours, &c.,
RODT. MADISON.

How Can we Best Provide for our Poor.

The dullness of trade for the last three winters has made this a question of no small importance to Bloomfielders. Many who heretofore have been able to earn their living, and who would fastly prefer doing so to becoming paupers, have been absolutely obliged by the force of their circumstances to apply to the town for aid.

Granted that much of their destitution at first arose from their improvidence when work was abundant and wages were high, they were no more guilty in this respect than the rich, as the many failures throughout our land have attested.

But the long continued pressure has reduced even the most prudent of them to pinching straits, and the suffering of all may now be said to flow from the one cause—lack of employment. As a consequence the Poor Fund raised by taxes upon property holders is constantly subject to demands from persons well able and not only willing but anxious to work. In short one part of the community is helping to support the other part in enforced idleness. We need not consider the matter from the tax-payers' standpoint; it will be enough to ask are we doing justly and wisely by those thus helped?

If we render aid in such a way as to weaken the incentives to manly self-reliance and provident industry, we encourage pauperism and do more to injure than to benefit. Is not our present system of furnishing gratuitous supplies open to this very accusation? If, instead of this method of relief, the office of poor-master had some such connection with the boards having charge of town improvements that men applying for assistance might be supplied with work, the burden on the town would be lessened and idleness, that fruitful mother of vice, would be in some degree obviated. At the same time the industrious and well disposed would received assistance in a way that would not injure their self-respect or lower their moral tone; While if any, by refusal to work proved themselves to be wilful idlers and beggars, the Poor Master would be justified in presenting to them St. Paul's alternative: "If any will not work neither shall he eat."

Thus the poor fund could be kept for the sick and helpless and those who from any cause might not be able to support their own wants.

Illustrated Lecture on Palestine.

Rev. Henry C. Fish, D. D., of Newark, assisted by his son who was with him during his journey, has kindly consented to give his lecture as above, before the Sunday School Teachers, Association of Bloomfield. This lecture is highly interesting and instructive. Dr. Fish has brought with him from Palestine some *three hundred* relics and curiosities, which will be exhibited in whole or part during the lecture, consisting of two sets of costumes, a water skin bottle, a war club, spear, purse &c., from the wild men of Moab. Waters from the Jordan, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Pool of Siloam, a piece of the Pillar of Salt near the site of Sodom, etc. This lecture has excited great interest wherever delivered, and the people of Bloomfield may congratulate themselves on having it delivered in the town. It will be given in the old Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, March 22d, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Admittance free. All are cordially invited.

A Mechanical Miracle.

The title suggests that the subject of our thoughts is not theological. We use the term miracle to represent something extraordinary, and with special reference to Wilcox & Gibbs New Automatic Sewing Machine, which leaves nothing to be desired in this direction. "The Automatic Tension," "Thread, Needle and Stitch Table," are most important improvements, the value of which can hardly be overestimated. The working of the machine is so simplified, and the force required is so small, that a little child can easily master the method and supply the necessary power. At the very points where the unskillful operator meets with the chief obstacles to immediate and entire success, she finds complete relief from all embarrassment in these new and remarkable improvements. Where the greatest care and skill were demanded, no special thought or individual judgment is now required. Indeed, the inventor has done all the thinking for the operator, and we have the incarnation of his thoughts in this beautiful piece of mechanism.

The New Automatic is the queen of the Sewing Machines. A complete description of its numerous improvements would call for a greater number of subdivisions of the subject than were ordinarily embraced in an old fashioned sermon of fifty years ago. By running our eye over the company's circular we perceive, we should be obliged to ascend in the numerical scale as high as twenty-secondly. All we need to add, in respect to this mechanical marvel, is that nothing can exceed the simplicity of its construction; and the ease and silence of the movement; and the elegance and durability of the work performed.

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TREASURE IN THE HEART OF A TREE.—The Philadelphia *Telegram* says: About a month ago Jacob Klinck, a farmer near Fox Chase, was sawing down a large chestnut tree, when the teeth of the saw came in contact with some metallic substance. After the tree had been fielled, a gold watch, two gold pencil cases and a gold chain were found imbedded in the wood, eighteen inches from the surface. They were wrapped in a soiled sock. The tree was sawed off close to the ground, and they had evidently been hidden at the junction of two roots, and the wood had grown over and enclosed them. The watch was old fashioned, having a case which could be detached, and was inscribed with the date 1740. One of the pencil cases was provided with a pen. The other had only a pencil and no seal. The chain was long and intended to pass around the neck of the wearer. There was also a gold key, which, however, did not fit the watch. The tree had attained a great age, being about six feet in diameter. An old mansion once stood near by, and it is supposed that the articles in question were buried during the war of Revolution.

Miss M. S. Haley, a Dressmaker of some years' experience, wishes to make some engagements by the day in this village. Residence, Thomas st. opposite Henry. 2w.

MARRIED.

MURDEN—COOPER.—On Wednesday, March 15th, at Bloomfield, New Jersey, by the Rev. T. Jefferson Danner, S. Allaire Murden to Sara Witherspoon, daughter of the late Edward Cooper.

DIED.

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Legislative.

On Tuesday, a long debate was had in the Senate on the bill reducing the fees of County Clerks and Clerks of the Supreme Court and Court of Chancery. It was shown that the Clerk in Chancery received $18,000 per year, that the Supreme Court Clerk's fees amounted to about the same, and that the money came mostly from the poor people of the State. The bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Judiciary Committee have taken testimony in the matter of the alleged bribery of certain Senators and make report. One charge was that a letter was written by one Senator to the effect that the bill reducing Sheriffs' fees could be defeated for $2,500. Another, that Senator Abbett had appeared as attorney for the Sheriffs. The Committee report that the charges were entirely false. The persons said to have been written to were examined, and say they have not received any such letters. The committee said in justice to the Sheriffs that the evidence showed that no fund was raised by them for any purpose, and that the allegations in reference thereto were false and without foundation, and passed with the other matters by reference in bar-rooms, without any attempt to inquire into its truth. The Committee censure the newspapers for publishing bar-room gossip without inquiring into the truth.

Mr. Dodd has introduced a Supplement to Orange, authorizing the Common Council to borrow $35,000 for the erection of school houses; $35,000 for deficiencies of unpaid taxes, and $000 for support of public schools.

A new section to the election act declaring any person who does not pay a pool tax a pauper, and taking away from him his right of suffrage until said pool tax is paid, caused considerable discussion but was defeated.

A bill has been introduced to establish a rate for tax assessments of lands in cities. It provides that lands shall be assessed by acres, at a rate which the assessor thinks they would sell for the same.

An act has been introduced to authorize Collectors to sell real estate for delinquent taxes and to legalize and confirm sales of real estate heretofore made by them. Section 1 provides that all sales of real estate heretofore made by the collector of taxes by virtue of any warrant issued for that purpose are hereby legalized and confirmed, provided such sales were in all other respects in accordance with the laws of this State. Section 2 provides that the warrant hereafter issued for the sale of real estate for the collection of delinquent taxes shall be directed and delivered to the collector of the township, borough, town or district and said collector shall have full power to proceed and sell and convey the lands, &c., named and described in said warrant, provided this act shall not apply to or affect any city, &c., having special laws or charters inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Vail's bill, permitting contracts between mortgagor and mortgagee to be brought up and put upon its final passage, at a time when there were several absentees, all but one of whom were in favor of the bill. It was lost by a vote of 14 to 27.

State Items.

The Newark Rink was opened last afternoon for a general revival service. It is estimated that fully 5,000 persons were present. Rev. Drs. Sims, Fish, Taylor and Messrs. Smith, Dennison and Jones, were on the platform, with Mr. J. Frazee, Chairman of the Committee through the meetings originated, and who conducted the services.

Josephus Sooy, Jr., the defaulting Treasurer, has been sentenced to one year in the State Prison for a term of three years and until the costs of procention are paid. He wept bitterly on hearing the sentence. He is a man over sixty years old, and has a family who are highly respected. He was assisted by his son Mark, whose constant devotion to his father throughout the trial excited great admiration.

A grand handicap foot race is to take place on Easter Monday, on the Clifton race track, for the Olympic Base Ball grounds, at Elizabeth. We understand that the main prize will be $100, and that the sport is to last two days.

On Tuesday evening of last week the opening of the new chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the city of Passaic, took place with appropriate ceremonies. The chapter is named Passaic Chapter. Quite a number of Past Grands attended the opening, and the new chapter is destined to become one of the most successful and influential in the State.

An observing individual in Newark says he wants no better evidence of the return of the bell punch than the increasing shabbiness of the conductors' clothing. They don't look now as nobby as they used to.

It is stated that some one, several days ago, shipped a case containing 100 pounds of nitro glycerine from Jersey City to Pittsburgh, via the Pennsylvania Railroad. The case was addressed to "Pittsburgh," and marked "Jersey Midland Railway."

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